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USUN NEW YORK FOR AMBASSADOR SCALI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECOSOC

SUBJ: ECOSOC 55-ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WEAT ASIA

1. AT UK LUNCHEON JULY 25 ECOSOC VP RABETAFIKA (MADAGASCAR) CALLED MINCON ASIDE AND ASKED WHAT HAD ACCOUNTED FOR APPARENT SHIFT IN US POSITION. HE SAID THAT ON BASIS GHORRA ASSURANCES THAT DRAFT RES WOULD GENERATE NO PYROTECHNICS HIS FONMIN HAD AUTHORIZED HIM VOTE IN FAVOR ECWA. HOWEVER, REACTION USDEL HAD LED HIM SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. RESULT IN MADAGASCAR NOW IN UNHAPPY SITUATION OF ABSTENTION ON ISSUE OF PRINCIPLE.

2. WE REVIEWED OUR POSITION CONCLUDING RECENT DISCOVERY THAT UN ITSELF QUESTIONED LEGALITY GHORRA RESOLUTION AND EMPHASIZED THAT OUR POSITION NOW WHOLLY BASED ON PRINCIPLE
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WITH NO LINKAGES TO EITHER RATIFICATION OR EVENTS TRANS-

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3. RABETAFIKA SAID HE CONVINCED THAT ALL PERSONS AT ECOSOC AWARE STARK ILLEGALITY DRAFT RES BUT THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MAJOR FACTOR IN ULTIMATE VOTING STANCE. HAVING ARRIVED AM JULY 25 HE VOLUNTEERED UNDERTAKE RESOLUTION ISSUE WHILE STRONGLY HOPING THAT CONFRONTATION VOTE WOULD PROVE UNNECESSARY. HE REMINDED US THAT THIS IS GHORRA'S LAST YEAR IN LIMELIGHT AND THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL

PROVIDE FACE-SAVING OUT FOR HIM. INTERESTINGLY HE ALSO INDICATED THAT NIGER ALTHOUGH HAVING BROKEN RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL VERY UNHAPPY AT SITUATION AND SUGGESTED WE APPROACH NIAMEY WIT VIEW TOWARD ACCOMMODATING DISCOMFORT AMBASSADOR ABDOULAYE.

4. INDICATED THAT HE IS MEETING PM JULY 25 WITH AMBASSADOR FRAZAO AND HOPES THAT FORMULA COULD BE EVOLVED WHICH AGREED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF ECWA IN PRINCIPLE BUT PROVIDES FOR THOROUGHGOING STUDY LEADING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INITIAL MEMBERSHIP AT LATER DATE.

5. WE EXPRESSED OUR GRATITUDE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE WOULD VIGOROUSLY SEEK AVOID CRUNCH WHICH INEVITABLE UNLESS ARABS, PARTICULARLY EGYPT MORE CONCILIATORY.

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